# COLLECTIVE APPROACH TO SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

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## **OBJECTIVES**

- Collective Impact Moving from collaboration to collective
- Case Study- Alamance County
- Public Health and Collective Impact The Take-Aways

## COLLECTIVE IMPACT- MOVING BEYOND COLLABORATION

"The commitment of a group of important actors from different sectors to a common agenda for solving a specific social problem."

-- John Kania & Mark Kramer,

FSG Social Impact Advisors, Stanford Social Innovation Review

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## From Individual Action to Collective Impact

### **Collective Impact**

- A group working towards the same outcome,
- Looking at the same data, aligning strategies
- To continuously improve practices over time

### **Coordinated Impact**

- A group working on the same issue,
- Sharing program information about what they do
- To better coordinate efforts

#### **Individual Action**

- Individual practitioners working on specific issues,
- Collecting qualitative and quantitative data for their individual programs,
- Demonstrate impact with individual participants

### **Collective Impact**





**Isolated Impact** 



### COLLECTIVE IMPACT EXPLAINED

Collective Impact | FSG

http://www.fsg.org/ideas-in-action/collective-impact

## The Five Conditions of Collective Impact

Common Agenda

All participants have a **shared vision for change** including a common understanding of the problem and a joint approach to solving it through agreed upon actions.

Shared Measurement Collecting data and measuring results consistently across all participants ensures efforts remain aligned and participants hold each other accountable.

Mutually Reinforcing Activities

Participant activities must be **differentiated while still being coordinated** through a mutually reinforcing plan of action.

Continuous Communication **Consistent and open communication** is needed across the many players to build trust, assure mutual objectives, and appreciate common motivation.

Backbone Support Creating and managing collective impact requires a dedicated staff and a specific set of skills to serve as the backbone for the entire initiative and coordinate participating organizations and agencies.

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## IT'S NOT JUST SEMANTICS

### Collaboration

- Convene around programs/initiatives
- Prove
- Addition to what we do
- Advocate for Ideas

## Collective Impact



Work together to move outcomes



Improve



What we do



Advocate for what works



## ALAMANCE COUNTY CASE STUDY

**ALAMANCE ACHIEVES** 

## SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH

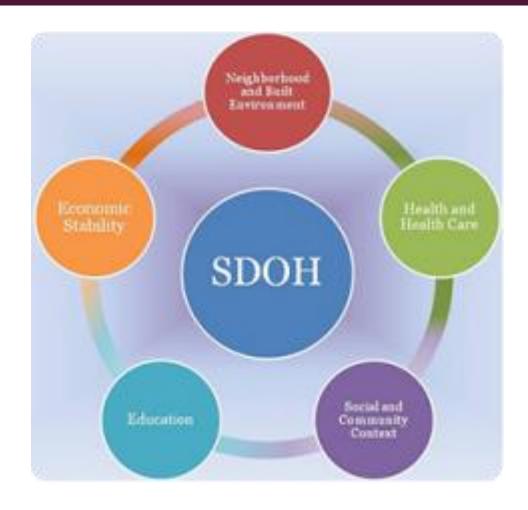
Health inequalities and the social determinants of health are not a footnote to the determinants of health. They are the main issue.

Michael Marmot
University of London



## THE BASICS...OR ARE THEY?

- Social Determinants of Health
  - Structural conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work and grow.
  - Includes SES, Education, Physical/Built Environment, Employment, Social Supports, and Access to Care.
- Effect on Quality of Life and Outcomes
  - Premature death increases as income decreases
  - Lower education directly associated with lower income
  - Neighborhoods more likely to be unsafe with lower income
  - Less likely to have social support in unsafe neighborhoods
  - Toxic stress negative impact can last a lifetime
  - Health outcomes are generational Epigenetics



## IMPROVING HEALTH OUTCOMES

## What we know about healthy communities

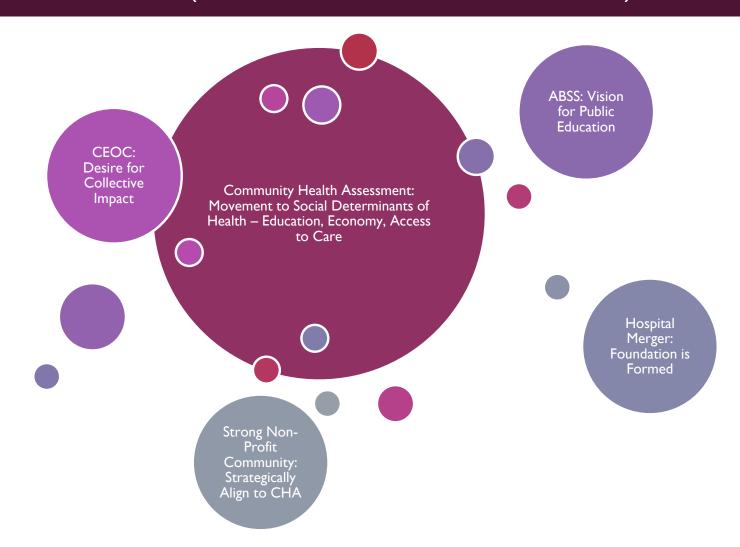
#### Healthiest communities have -

- Fewer hospital stays
- Higher college attendance
- Fewer sexually transmitted infection
- Better access to parks and gyms

#### Least healthy communities have -

- Lower high school graduation rates
- More smokers
- More teen pregnancies
- More children living in singleparent households

## THE PERFECT STORM (OR MOLECULES COLLIDE)



## THE PERFECT STORM (OR FUSION)

Education

Collective Impact

Strive Together



### Theory of Action: Creating Cradle to Career Proof Points

The Partnership

baseline report

disaggregated

publicly

releases a

card to the

community

**GATEWAYS:** 



**Exploring** 



**Emerging** 



**Sustaining** 

The Partnership operates with roles

and responsibilities as defined in the

The Partnership consistently informs

the community of progress, including

the release of an annual report card.

common, consistent message across

The Partnership continually refines

indicators to improve accuracy and

The Partnership enables the collection

among partners to enable continuous

across the cradle to career pipeline and

and connection of student-level

academic and non-academic data

The Partnership communicates a

accountability structure.

internal partners.

validity.

improvement.





Point

PROOF

**POINT:** Co

#### Implementing the Theory of Action

The Theory of Action is based on StriveTogether's Framework for Building Cradle to Career Civic Infrastructure. The Theory of Action consists of five Gateways: Exploring, Emerging, Sustaining, Systems Change and Proof Point. Within each of the five Gateways, there are a series of quality benchmarks that are key steps in developing and sustaining a Partnership. Ultimately, the benchmarks in the Exploring, Emerging and Sustaining Gateways leads to the system changing and ultimately proof point.

Partnerships implementing the Theory of Action effectively demonstrate four principles as they move from building a Partnership to impacting outcomes:

#### 1. Engage the Community

The work of the partnership must be grounded in the context of the community. Partnerships engage a broad array of community voices through building awareness and information sharing; involving and mobilizing the community towards improvement; and co-developing solutions and strategies with community members.

#### 2. Focus on Eliminating Locally Defined Disparities

Inequalities in student achievement are defined by each Partnership using local data and context. Partnerships make intentional efforts to eliminate disparities in achievement.

#### 3. Develop a Culture of Continuous Improvement

The work of the Partnership focuses on the use of local data, community expertise and national research to identify areas for improvement in a constant and disciplined manner that ensure Partners invest in practices that work.

#### 4. Leverage Existing Assets

The Partnership builds on existing resources in the community and aligns resources to maximize impact.

Pillar 1: Vision

Pillar 2:

Based Decision

Making

A cross-sector Partnership with a defined geographic scope organizes around a cradle to career

vision.

A cross-sector eadership table is convened with a documented accountability structure.

The Partnership

evel outcomes

accountable for

community

to be held

improving.

selects

The Partnership formalizes a set of messages that are aligned and effectively communicated across partners and the

The Partnership

selects core

indicators for

the community

level outcomes.

community.

The Partnership collects and disaggregates **baseline data** b <u>key</u> subpopulations for core

ndicators.

The Partnership for initial focus.

orioritizes a subset of core indicators

> Collaborative Action Networks collectively take action to improve the community level outcomes using continuous improvement.

Opportunities and barriers are identified by the Networks and lifted up for partners to take action to improve community level outcomes.

The Partnership mobilizes the community to improve community level outcomes.

Partners allocate and align resources to improve community level outcomes.

The Partnership develops a collective advocacy agenda to change local, state, or national policy to improve community level outcomes.

#### **Systems Change**

Partners continue to actively engage in the Partnership despite changes in leadership.

Partners demonstrate shared accountability for improving community level outcomes.

Partners effectively communicate attribution of success and recognition of challenges.

The Partnership enables student-level academic and non-academic data to be shared appropriately across partners in a timely manner to enable continuous improvement to improve outcomes.

Partners use continuous improvement to identify activities/practices that are improving community level outcomes and spread these to increase access and impact.

Financial and community resources are aligned to what works to improve community level outcomes.

The Partnership has sustainable funding for multiple years.

Necessary policies change to enable and sustain improvement.

Pillar 3:

The Partnership commits to continuous improvement to guide the

work

capacity to support the daily place.

Pillar 4: Investment 8 Sustainability

An anchor entity is established and management of the partnership is in

The Partnership engages funders to support the operations and collaborative work of partners to improve outcomes.

The Partnership has in place the necessary capacity to support the daily management of the partnership, data needs, facilitation, communication and engagement of the community.

Collaborative Action Networks are

ommunity level outcomes.

engaged and/or formed to improve

Partners support the operations work of the Partnership.

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## ALAMANCE ACHIEVES IN ACTION



- Anchor organization, provides administrative and management support, as well as some financial support.
- Backbone Organization has dedicated staff and handles the day to day work.
- The Executive Committee oversees the initiative's activities.
- The Community Transformation Council helps connect Alamance Achieves to key leaders and organizations in the private sector, health care, education, government, the faith community and the nonprofit sector.
- Networks and support teams bring field experts and practitioners together to drive outcomes



## Vision:

Every child, excelling every step of the way, for a thriving Alamance County.

## Mission:

Engaging and aligning our community to create pathways for every child to thrive, from cradle to career.



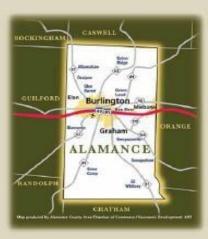
WE **BELIEVE**...EDUCATION IS THE FOUNDATION FOR INDIVIDUAL SUCCESS...

WE **ENVISION**...A PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM THAT IS A NATIONAL MODEL...

WE **RECOGNIZE**...PUBLIC SCHOOLS NEED COMMUNITY SUPPORT TO BE SUCCESSFUL...

WE **EXPECT**...EFFECTIVE
IMPLEMENTATION (OF THIS STRATEGIC
PLAN) WILL REQUIRE STRONG
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT...

## A VISION FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION IN ALAMANCE COUNTY



We envision a public school system that is a national model for its curriculum and community engagement to empower all Alamance County students with equal opportunity for civic engagement, a meaningful quality of life and skills for economic success -- for themselves and our community.



# FRAMEWORKS – GETTING THE MESSAGE RIGHT WITH DIFFERENT AUDIENCES



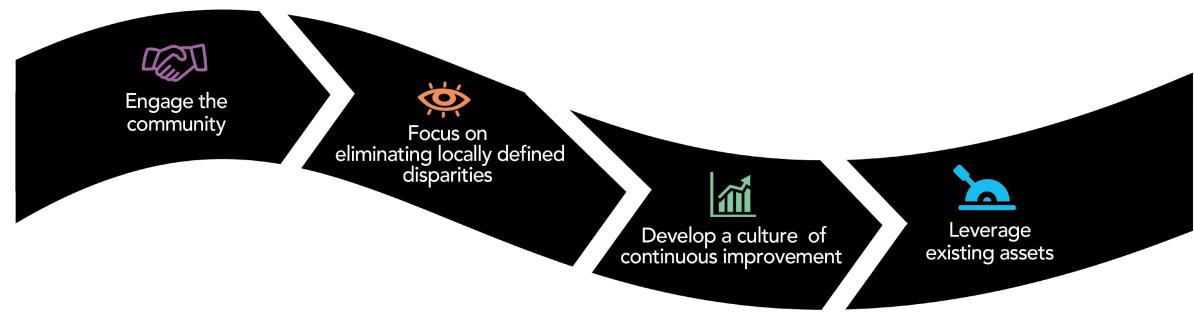
## The Strive Together Cradle to Career Network





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## The Road to Success



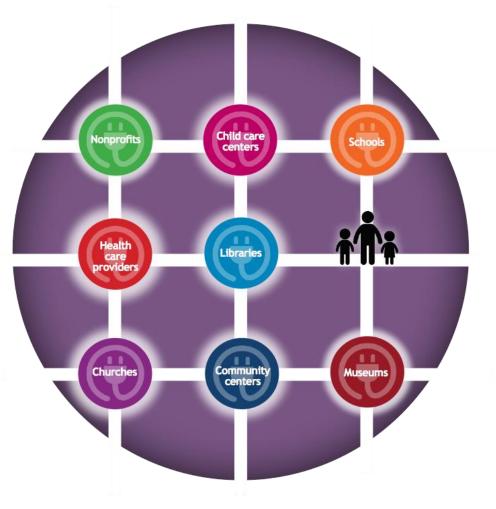


OUR CHILDREN, OUR FUTURE



## SUPPORTIVE AND ENGAGED COMMUNITY







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## Visit the Website

AlamanceAchieves.org

https://youtu.be/JuGwl6Sco9c



## PUBLIC HEALTH AND COLLECTIVE IMPACT

- Moving from symptoms of poor health to social determinants
- Can't use programmatic interventions to tackle root causes
- Public health funding decreasing therefore need for other partners to share priorities
- Collective not dependent on the just public health resources (or lack thereof)
- Opportunity to show how big public health family really is
- Connect the dots to show impact of health on other sectors
- Impact on population health takes more than just the health department

## TAKE-AWAYS

- Grow the Community Health Assessment Team
- Employ Health in All Policies Approach to the work
- Right people on the bus...and in the right seats
- Find the champions, give them the tools, and let them go
- Public Health doesn't have to "own" it, BUT public health has to invest and commit in it
- Be patient...this work takes time

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